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GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY BRING "A SEASON TO REMEMBER" TO STATE CAPITOL AN ANNUAL NASHVILLE TRADITION TO BECOME STATEWIDE EVENT

Nashville - Governor Phil Bredesen and First Lady Andrea Conte today announced that "A Season to Remember," an annual memorial event for homicide victims' families in Davidson County, will become an event open to victims' families from across the state on December 9.

"'A Season to Remember' has become an annual tradition for the families of homicide victims in Davidson County each year, and one that's grown in recent years to include families from throughout Middle Tennessee," Bredesen said. "During National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April, Andrea and I announced that we wanted to share this growing event with all Tennessee families affected by violent crime."

"The loss of a loved one is always a difficult time for a family, and one that often becomes more difficult to endure during the holiday season," said Conte. "'A Season to Remember' is one helpful way for families who have lost loved ones to join together in remembrance. We hope what started as a small memorial event in Nashville years ago will become an event that encourages all Tennesseans to remember those who are murdered each year."

"A Season to Remember" was first organized by a group of Davidson County individuals who wanted to establish a memorial event for those recovering from the homicide of a family member. While Bredesen was Mayor of Nashville, the event was held in front of the Mayor's office at the Metropolitan Court House. It has since moved to Centennial Park to accommodate the large crowds.

As part of this year's "Tennessee Season to Remember," families of homicide victims are invited to join the Governor and First Lady on December 9 at 5:30 p.m. CST at the State Capitol to hang ornaments on memorial wreaths in honor of their loved ones. The wreaths will then be displayed in the Capitol throughout the holiday season. As part of the ceremony, Sen. Charlotte Burks (D-Monterey) will hang an ornament in memory of her late husband, Sen. Tommy Burks, and Sen. Doug Jackson (D-Dickson) will hang an ornament in memory of his first cousin, Jenny Jackson.

Parking will be available in the State parking lots surrounding the Capitol. For more information about "Tennessee Season to Remember," call the Governor's Communications Office at (615) 741-3763.

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